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STRAY WAIFS.

The favorite amusement of the emperor of China is to spin a top. Presley Comegys, Eugene, Nevada,

has a 61/2 pound potato. Consumptives are cured in France by visiting the wine presses and inhaling the fumes of the fermenting

Park, Col., for a railroad to the top of Pike's Peak, 14,200 feet above sea of the South.

Every 821 individuals in England after them.

Cornell University has an Egyptian student. He is a bright young fel-low, and particularly gifted as a A new device has been patented in

sixteen-ounce orange, a sixteen-foot sugar cane, and a nine-foot blade of

park grass. The ebony tree grows to be fifteen feet in circumference. The outer wood is pure white, the heart only

being perfectly black. A bushel of timothy contains 55, 000,000 of seed. A cock-roach has 3,000 teeth. There are 490,000 molecules in an ant's brain.

Webster, Massachusetts, a buggy ride of eight months' duration, his starting place having been San Francisco.

year, and a notable increase in the supply is being afforded, the fish also ex-officio chairman and secretary being of a much better quality and

One of the curiosities of old Muckros Abbey, near Killarney, Ireland, is one of the finest yew trees in Europe, planted by the monks some 500 years ago. In some places the ivy has riotism of the South to save itself from utter misrule and ruin, and for

junk dealer amassed a fortune by this committee and to act in co-oper-buying fine linen clippings from shirt ation with and subordinate the executive committee of the league, which ernment for the manufacture of treas- is requested to assist the committee nry note paper. He bought at six in the advancements of its objects. cents a pound and sold at seventy the report was adopted. The committee will at once take steps to permittee will at once take steps to pernoses at statesmen and college presi- fect a plan for the league. dents who do not put livery on their

Oshkosh is to be credited with the latest novelty in osculation. A rather

The first institutions resembling the pawnshops of to-day were founded in be respected and held good. the thirteenth century by merchants from Lombardy who settled in Eng-land and France, and afterwards in the other countries of Europe. These nsurers flourished and grew fat upon their enormous profits. Noblemen, and even kings, were compelled to seek the financial aid of these money lenders, and it is recited that Edward III and Richard II pawned with them the crown jewels of England. Lombard street in London, and the Rue des Lombards in Paris are memorials of these ancient pawnbrokers.

Probably the most wonderful tree in the world is the Baobab breadtree. It grows only to the height of forty feet, but is thirty feet in diameter. The age of this tree is quite incalculable. Humboldt considers it "the oldest living organic monument of our planet." A good sized room can be cut in the trunk of the Baobab, mittee, who accompanied him to the with comfortable accommodations for he was tendered quite an ovation by thirty men, and the tree still live and the immense crowd who had asflourish. The fruit, which is nour-ishing, is about a foot long. The tree grows very slowly, a specimen at Kew, England, which is more than 80 years old, having only attained a hight of one and a half feet. The oldest known Baobabs are estimated to be over 5,000 years old.

A Mormon Scheme.

A citizen of Salt Lake says the Mormons regard the reference to polygamy in the President's message as a menace to their political power and to their theocratic control of the territory, that their interests are too great for them to emigrate and that they recognize the fact that the people of the United States wrongly regarded polygamy as the only legal objection to Mormonism, whereas the fact is polygamy is simply an ugly feature, the real trouble being the Mormon priesthood's assumption of the divine right to rule. That of the divine right to rule. That they recognize the fact that their whole system is jeopardized if they retain polygamy; whereas with that feature abolished they would be likely to have an indefinite lease of life for the Mormon theocracy. The present legislature, though made up of monogamous Mormons, is yet thoroughly a creature of the church, it is probably therefore that while the church will keep up a sham show of church will keep up a sham show of opposition it will instruct the legislature to pass a law making polygamy a crime, and the territory would thus be purged of the only wrong known to the general public. Then it will apply for admission as a state, with good prospects of getting in, and giving polygamists porportionally an increased power. sed power.

The San Francisco trustees of the Lick estate, over which there has been so much squabbling, have at last decided to pay over the amounts left by James Lick for construction of asylums and other institutions men-tioned in the will. The amounts foot

A Plan to Overthrow Southern Rule.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A joint meeting of the National and Executive Committees of the Union League which was held in this city to-day to consider and decide upon the policy of the league overthrowing the Bour bons as soon as possible in the South-ern States. The subject to which all the speakers devoted most of their Ground has been broken at Crystal attention was the necessity of afford-

Governor Pierrepont referred with strong disapprobation to the timidity and Wales have a policeman to look or indifference of Congress in passing over the enormous crimes which have been committed in the South against a free vote. If the colored men there are to be protected the white men must protect them.

Representative Houck said in the southern states where the leaders of London for generating electricity at so small a cost that it will be cheaper than gas. the Bourbon party believe in fraud and force, there would never be another fair election until the north The Altoona, Florida, Argus, has a was convinced that they could not

control the government.
O'Hara, (colored), of North Carolina, expressed the opinion that the colored people of the south should protect themselves and advance their own interests by working in combi nation.

Boutelle said: I believe it is the imperative duty of the Republican party to encourage anybody who join hands with us to break down any attempt to prevent a free ballot.

W. B. Johnston has just ended at Vebster, Massachusetts, a buggy ride of eight months' duration, his start-ing place having been San Francisco. When your friend is married put your good wishes into the shape of an to secure the support of southern old English saying: "One year of white men, who will act and co-oper-joy, another of comfort, and all the rest of content." white men, who will act and co-oper-ate with colored voters, and protect them in voting and secure a fair rest of content."

The fish laws of Canada are become count, we recommend the appointment of a committee of nine, the very and a postable inverse in the content voters, and protect them in voting and secure a fair count, we recommend the appointment of a committee of nine, the be secre-

tary to take consideration ways and means to be adopted to overthrow Bourbonism and misrule, and, as soon as practicable, to issue an address to the public, setting forth emphatically the condition at the present time, and appeal to the patthe North to make a liberal sacrifice In the days of the war a New York in behalf of the objects in view by

The Astoria Land Grant.

While we are of the opinion that dashing beauty kissed a pious-look-ing citizen as he stood demurely on a velop the country, yet it is not the street corner, and then with a darling wise thing to join in condemning the little shriek of "Oh! you are not my past, and become a party to the unpapal" darted away. When the eld-doing of grants that were given in good faith, and so accepted. Grants his language of the state his laughing fit over the luscious mis- that were made and accepted, but by take, he found that the artiess creature, when she left so abruptly, was accompanied by his diamond breastcompletion as fast as the circum-stances of the case will admit, should where it is evident that compliance with the terms of the grant is not intended, and no reasonable effort is being made to comply, prompt action ought to be taken by congress to restore those lands to the public domain; such, for instance, as that portion of the grant to the Oregon Central Railroad company situated between Forest Grove and Astoria. Nothing is being done to earn those lands, and from recent correspondence it is clear that nothing will be done in the near future, if ever. -Salem Statesman.

> General Hancock arrived at San Francisco last Wednesday evening. He was met at the ferry landing by Governor Stoneman and different delegations representing the municipalty, also citizens of San Francisco and Democratic state central com-mittee, who accompanied him to the smbled to get a glimpse of the famous general. On alighting from the car-riage the general was received with tremendous cheering Then he was conducted to a reception room, and from there to his apartments in the hotel. The general acknowledged, in a few words, the complimentary reception that had been tendered to him, and at the same time expressed fatigue at the long journey.

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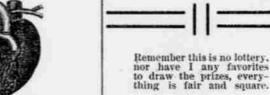
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